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REMARKS

The abstract and specification have been amended to correct informalities.

Original claims 1-3 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer, and substituted by corresponding new claims 4-6, the only claims now under consideration in this application. New claims 4-6 are believed to duly overcome the rejection of original claims 1-3 under 35 USC 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention.

Applicant acknowledges with appreciation the indication by the Examiner that claims 1-3 would be allowable if rewritten or amended to overcome the rejection under 35 USC 112, second paragraph. Since this has been duly accomplished through the introduction of new claims 4-6, it is respectfully urged that the latter claims should now be in condition for formal allowance and prompt notice to this effect is respectfully requested.

If the Examiner should have any questions concerning this matter, the undersigned may be reached at his Alexandria, Virginia office at 703 683-0500.

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